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LATE POLK COUNTY NEWS TOLD IN BRIEFS

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST IN VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOODS RELATED IN ENTERTAINING MANNER.

OBSERVER SPECIAL SERVICE

Observer Representatives Keep in Touch With All Matters of Importance in Their Part of the Famous "Blue Ribbon" District of State of Oregon.

MONMOUTH

Grandpa Bob is in very poor health and fears are entertained for his recovery.

These fine warm days makes every body smile.

The work in repairing the Normal building is drawing to a close and in one week more the old Normal bell will begin to ring and Monmouth will take on its usual activity. The outlook for a full attendance is good. Long live the Normal and its work.

It seems that the law prohibiting the killing of China pheasants is not in operation evenings as one can hear the guns crackling all over the fields. Where is the game warden, of Monmouth and its surroundings. J. F. Thomas, of Missouri, is here visiting at the home of Mill Bosley. He is well pleased with the looks of this part of the valley.

Ed. Abby, of Newport, was here Friday and expressed himself as being well pleased with Monmouth.

David Faulk, for 20 years a helper in the Oregonian office, and Mrs. Faulk, were guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Grounds, this week.

Mrs. T. Yelver, of Portland, was visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Grounds, this week.

Anvil Butler, of Arvill, Marion county, was in town Saturday on business. He reports things lively in his little hamlet situated opposite Independence on the electric line.

Charley Smith and wife, of Dallas, were the guests of Grandma Bedwell, and his wife's father, E. Bedwell, over Sunday.

Mrs. O. Bran and family, of Falls City, were the guests of her mother, Mrs. Dewitt, over Sunday.

In a day or two the threshers will resume operations, but it will be quite a task for there is so much of the grain ruined.

Professor S. E. Ewington and his bride, one of the teachers in the Normal, arrived in town Monday.

The workmen finished Doctor Bowser's house Tuesday and the Doctor and family will move in this week.

Inquiries are coming thick and fast for rooms and boarding places by students for the Normal, which begins on the 16th.

Married.—Darold Stump and Miss Iva Hickson, both of Monmouth, September 7, 1912, at the home of the bride. They left for Portland the next morning to spend their honeymoon.

Quite a number attended the fair last week from here.

Hop picking around Monmouth is in full blast.

C. E. Herren finished picking his fine crop of hops Tuesday and Tuesday noon he gave the pickers and hands an ice cream dinner. Charley never forgets his pickers and gives them a treat the last day. Last year he gave them an oyster supper.

Judge Wolverton of Portland, was the guest of his brother's family, O. A. Wolverton, our postmaster.

Building is still going on. W. Mark is building an addition to his house and J. Goodman is building a new barn.

Green Hastings of Albany, is in town and will work on E. Staats' fine house now under headway.

W. W. Norman is on the sick list.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Threshing has begun again after a delay of two weeks.

Mattie Pearce is taking a three weeks visit with her brother in McMinnville.

Mrs. Thompson and daughter, Lottie Cain, of Salem, are picking prunes for Mr. Vercler.

Harry and John Lynch, George Adams and Sam Chapman are working for Mr. Vercler during prune season.

One of Mr. Grice's horses got its left hind leg cut very badly on barb wire Monday. The horse was kicking at others across the fence, getting tangled in the wire, cutting the leg to the bone.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barkus are picking hops near Pratun for Mr. Tweed.

RICKREALL

Ye scribe is in the hop yard so cannot write many items.

A. R. Cadie and wife came up from Portland Wednesday to see his parents, Hon. Wm. Cadie and wife.

Allen Cadie came home from the hop yard Wednesday for a short stay. Mollie has made its appearance in the tangled in the wire, cutting the leg to the bone.

Uncle Dave Smith has been very ill.

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14 BOXES DAY'S RECORD

Minnie Guy Holds Record as Hop Picker For Season So Far as Reported; Earns \$7.00 in One Day.

Little Miss Minnie Guy, holds the record for the best hop picker reported this year. In one day she picked 700 pounds or 14 boxes. This beats McManville's 594 pounds, girl hop picker record all to smash.

Miss Guy is picking on the John Farley hop yard and picks clean, which can rarely be said of fast hop pickers. One day this week she picked 23 boxes with her sister, Mrs. Pearl McBee. Her lowest average, alone, has been 10 boxes. The average of the hop picker in general is six boxes per day or 12 boxes for two pickers.

Miss Minnie is very modest about her achievement and says she "just merely picks" and can't see anything so great about it. She is small for her age, not much larger than a girl of 12 years, but her fingers work like lightning. She says she never grows tired in the afternoon and never "wants to stop and rest awhile." She just picks and when her last box is emptied in the evening she generally has many little pink tickets pinned on the front of her apron which represent as many hard earned dollars.

When asked what she intended to do with all this money she was very reticent and said, "well she hadn't hardly made up her mind."

PRUNE PICKING TO BEGIN MONDAY

OPERATIONS IN CHAPMAN'S BIG ORCHARD SOON TO START.

Trees Show Large Amount of Fruit and It is Believed Two-thirds of Ordinary Crop Will Be Harvested.

Picking will begin Monday morning in R. L. Chapman's big prune orchard north of the city according to present arrangement. The fruit is ripening rapidly and some of it is dropping but it is not figured that the orchard will be ready for picking before Monday.

A trip through this fine orchard and a close inspection of the trees shows that they contain a large quantity of prunes. Mr. Chapman figures that he will have about two-thirds of his usual crop and it may yield even higher than that. The prunes are of a very fine quality, and it is believed that the average grade will be higher this year than last.

Since last season Mr. Chapman has increased the capacity of his dryer and it will now accommodate 1200 bushels which is believed to be one of the largest dryers in the state. The building contains 13 tunnels and there are 20 slides to each tunnel. Sixteen men are employed at the dryer day and night shifts when the picking operations are on in full force.

The Chapman orchard has long been recognized as one of the best in Polk county. In fact, experts declare that none better can be found in Oregon. Modern methods are employed in every department of the prune industry and the results have been noticeable in the past and will be emphatically so this year, when the yield promises to be much better, acre for acre, than other orchards which have not been so well cultivated and cared for.

Mr. Chapman is an enthusiastic orchardist and spends considerable money in keeping his trees in condition but the wisdom of such methods is forcibly shown when the orchard is compared with others.

STATE HOG INDUSTRY GROWING

Oregon Rapidly Decreasing Imports

Portland, Sept. 12.—As evidence that the hog industry is growing in Oregon, an exportation of live hogs was made yesterday from the Brownsville farm, near Aurora, Or., to be used in Honolulu for breeding purposes. Another shipment will be made from the same ranch in November.

The state of Oregon has long been regarded as a large importer of hogs, but the last monthly report of the Portland Union Stock company shows that the ratio of importation is falling off. In August, 1911, 4468 hogs were imported from the hog state, Nebraska, while during August, 1912, only 2322 were shipped in. Officials say that just as many hogs are used but that gradually more and more of the supply is coming from within the state and from other Northwest points.

BOUNDARY PETITION DENIED

School Boundary Board Turns Down Request From Broadmead.

Petition of residents of Broadmead in the northeastern portion of the county, for the privilege of the formation of a new district jointly with Yamhill county, was heard before the Polk county school boundary board on Wednesday and the request denied owing to some flaw in the application. Another hearing will be held on September 22. Members of the board present at the hearing were County Superintendent Seymour, County Judge Ed. F. Oad and Commissioner Riddell.

Late Founder of Salvation Army and His Successor



Photo by American Press Association.

ONE of the most picturesque figures in modern English history has passed away in the death of General William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army. Although he was eighty-three years old, he had been active in the direction of the army until he was stricken with blindness last June. He was an untiring worker and never suffered a serious illness until his last. He was well known in this country, which he visited for the last time four years ago. Every one acknowledged the spiritual force of this remarkable man, but he was no less remarkable as a practical organizer. Field Marshal Lord Wolseley once said that the British army had taken lessons from the Salvationists in methods of organization, distribution and control. His son Bramwell (photograph shown at left of illustration), who succeeds him in command of the army, is said to have inherited his father's genius as an executive.

FAIR COMMITTEE ORDINANCES STILL TO MEET IN EFFECT

IMPORTANT SESSION AT COURT HOUSE SATURDAY NIGHT.

Poultrymen Will Exhibit But Want Competent Judge; Interest in Coming Fair in County on Increase.

Attention of all members of the various committees that have in charge the arrangements for the coming Polk County Fair to be held in Dallas October 2, 4 and 5, is called to the meeting of the general committee called by Chairman Wilson Ayres in the County Court room in the court house on Saturday night, September 14. This will be a very important meeting and every member of the Commercial club, whether members of the committee or otherwise, is urged to be present. The interest being taken in the fair by people from all sections of the county shows that the plan has met with instant favor and that it cannot fail to prove a success.

The possibility of an exhibit by the poultry breeders of the county hinges upon the securing by the committee, of a competent judge. The breeders are anxious to bring their birds and are satisfied to compete for ribbon prizes only, but they say they will hardly do so, unless assurance is given that some man thoroughly competent will judge the exhibits. It has been suggested that the services of B. F. Keeney, of Eugene, be secured for this work. He judged the Polk County Poultry show last winter and gave universal satisfaction. It is stated, He will also judge the Hillsboro show and later, one at Eugene. This will be one of the matters considered by the committee at Saturday night's meeting.

In support of the assertion that Polk county people are taking an interest in the fair, it is only necessary to cite the case of G. W. Gibson, breeder of single comb Rhode Island Reds and White Indian Runner Ducks, who resides near Eola. Mr. Gibson called on Superintendent Seymour at the state fair last week seeking information regarding the fair. When he found that ribbon prizes would be given and that no entry fee would be charged, he declared he would bring all of his prize birds.

Picking was finished at the Grant yard yesterday afternoon and now John views the weather with a carefree aspect. He declares that his yard never showed a better yield nor never have the hops been in better condition.

CODIFICATION OF CITY LAWS NOW UNDER WAY.

Measures Passed in 1875 Still in Force; Investigation of Old Records Show Much Interesting Data.

Codification of the city ordinances now being done by City Attorney Walter L. Toole, Jr., is proving a big job. This is the first time that anything of this sort has been attempted and there is a large mass of ordinances to be considered. The period covered in the work is from 1874 to the present time. There are ordinances in effect at this time which were passed by the board of trustees as early as 1875. Much care is being taken in the codification, all errors are noted, additions shown and all ordinances that have been repealed by special action, or by implication, are named. When the present work shall have been completed and brought up to date, it is the intention of the city council to authorize the use of a special loose leaf system in the future in order that the statute books may be kept up to date and useless measures eliminated as fast as they are repealed or changed by subsequent legislation.

Some Interesting "Laws."

There are several interesting revelations in connection with the work. Among the old laws still in effect, is one which provides for the digging of drainage ditches. In an old, yellowed ordinance book, appears the following entry with reference to this measure:

"Passed by the board this, the third day of December, A. D. 1877. Those for the ordinance were A. Brown, president of the board; John M. Scott and J. M. Campbell. Attest: Wm. C. Willis, recorder."

The ordinance designated as a "special ordinance No. 1," provides for the digging of drainage ditches "from the residence of T. G. Richmond to the M. E. church south along the property of Saml. Austin on Court street, W. W. Conkey on Court street and E. Waters on Jefferson street to LaCresce creek."

Released on Cash Bond.

H. Bristow, bound over to the December grand jury on a charge of assault upon the person of Fred Lind on the Polk county side of the Willamette river in West Salem on August 2, and who has been an inmate of the Polk county jail was released yesterday upon the posting of a cash bond in the sum of \$175. The affair was the result of a drunken brawl in which Bristow and Clifford Young were implicated.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR NORMAL'S 20 YEAR

TERM OPENS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, WITH FLATTERING PROMISE OF SUCCESS-NEW FACES IN FACULTY.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS ADDED

Large Enrollment To Mark Beginning of Year's Work; Construction of Dormitory to Begin Soon; Domestic Science and Art is New Department Special New Instructors.

Monmouth, Sept. 12.—(Special)—Under the new regime the Oregon Normal school will begin the second year's work on Monday, September 16. Many improvements have been added since the closing of the summer school in the way of rearranging the interior of the building with the view of making it more convenient, as well as improving its appearance. New chairs have been ordered for the assembly room, and will be in place shortly after the opening of the term. They are adapted to the work of note-taking as well, so that when lectures may be given the students will have an opportunity of gathering their notes in the assembly room. The faculty will meet in regular session on Saturday to arrange for all preliminaries for the opening on the following Monday. Two new members will be present, Miss Jesse Todd, of New Jersey, who takes Miss Louise Davis' place as critic in the fifth and sixth grades of the training school, and Miss Butler, head of the Department of Domestic Science and Art.

Large Enrollment Expected.

From the correspondence it is confidently expected that a large enrollment will mark the beginning of the year's work. Some will not be able to enter the first week by reason of a delay in the summer's work, etc., but arrangements will be made so that they will not lose but little in their school work proper for the first week.

The plans are almost ready for the beginning of the new dormitory, and while this will not be available for the first part of the school year, the citizens of the town have most generously offered their homes so that all students will be well provided for in the meantime.

A new department has been added in the chair of Domestic Science and Art, and Miss Myra H. Butler, of Cheney, Washington, has been secured for this place. Miss Butler has had much experience in this line and comes most highly recommended for this special work.

MANY WILL HEAR DR. LANE

Interest Grows in Coming Democratic Rally Friday Night.

Judging from the remarks heard on the street the first political rally of the present campaign to be held on Friday night, at the court house in Dallas, when Hon. Harry Lane, Democratic candidate for United States senator will discuss the political issues of the day from a Wilson standpoint, the seating capacity of the room will be taxed. The urban Doctor is well-known in Dallas and has many personal friends in both old parties. It is probable that the Dallas band will furnish music and the local Bourbons will exert themselves to provide plenty of enthusiasm.

COUNTIES MAY USE MONEY

Proceeds From Auto Licenses May Be Turned Into County Treasuries.

Because of requests that the several counties of the state be allowed monies accruing from the license of automobiles, the office of the secretary of state has compiled a report showing the basis upon which such receipts shall be authorized.

At present the auto receipts are put into the general fund of the state, but it is proposed to divert them into the county vehicle fund. In such case they will probably be used in improving the roads and highways, and whatever surplus remains at the close of the year will revert to the general fund.

If these methods shall be adopted, Polk county would have received this year, up to August 26, \$318.50. The movement is declared to be a good one and autoists are hoping that it will be adopted.

COURT HOUSE PICK-UPS

Court Items, Real Estate Transfers, Farm Names Filed and Other News Briefly Told.

Real Estate.

George W. Siefarth et ux to Chas. H. Goss, 44.65 acres in tp. 8 s r 6 w. d. 4, \$5,000.

W. G. Hefley to Mable Mary Stants land in Monmouth, w. d. 4, \$500.

Geo. W. Bibbe et ux to S. L. Scroggin, 123.83 acres in tp 6 s r 6 w. d. 4, \$12,500.

Truman H. Ide et ux to Freeman Everett, land in sec. 28, tp. 7 s r 7 w. d. 4, \$1.

Probate.

Estate of F. Whitesaker. Bond approved; D. J. Riley, Wm. Riddell and O. Lorence appointed appraisers.

Suffers Accident.

Mrs. S. J. Richmond is suffering from a very painful accident caused by a fall which bruised her shoulder, arm and her face.

Mrs. Richmond was at the S. P. Riggs residence on Wednesday evening when the accident happened. She had intended calling on Mrs. Riggs and finding no one at home she had started back to town when she slipped in some manner and fell striking her shoulder. It was thought at first that her shoulder had been dislocated but developments prove that only a bruise is the effect of the accident. Mrs. Richmond was able to be around again today.

White Attends Meeting.

J. L. White, Polk county manager for the Oregon Power company, was in Portland the first of the week in attendance at a meeting of the Electric Light and Power representatives of Oregon and other states.

ARTISANS PLAN SOCIAL

Will Hold Open Meeting and Render Program to Celebrate Resumption of Regular Weekly Sessions.

Celebrating their resumption of regular meetings for the fall and winter season, after a vacation of several weeks, Dallas Assembly No. 26, United Artisans will hold open house at their hall in the Woodman building on Monday night. At this time a special musical and literary program will be rendered followed by a luncheon and a general invitation is extended. No session of the lodge will be held, the entire evening being given over to the program which has been arranged as follows:

Opening address, H. C. Seymour. Piano duet, Misses Ada Longneck and Winnifred Wieg. Reading, "Evangeline," May Shinn.

Violin solo, J. Herzog. Selection by Male Quartet, Messrs. Willis Simonton, J. L. White, F. W. Zellar, John E. Miller.

Vocal solo, Miss Pearl Owings. Vocal duet, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Miller. Chalk Talk, Mr. Hayes.

FINE SCHOOL EXHIBIT

Elkins District, Polk County, Has Only Single School Exhibit: Pupils Win Industrial Prizes.

At the state fair at Salem, and in charge of Miss Mary A. Ewing, teacher, Elkins rural school had on display the only single school exhibit representing every phase of school work from the chart class to the fifth grade, inclusive. The display was quite large and showed remarkable accomplishments for children of those grades. It included manual training, domestic science, art, nature study, etc.

The school colors, purple and gold, were beautifully represented in fancy paper work by the pupils. One of this school, Floyd Henry, age eight years, Class B, took first prize (a fine case of tools) for a tabouret stand. And Frankie Loughery, age seven, Class B, took second prize for a combined table, chair and letter case.

Miss Ewing was called upon to take up this class of work, manual training, etc., out what may be accomplished along these lines without a sacrifice to regular school studies. This she has done successfully and the demonstration shows that plainly what may be accomplished by competent teachers.

Polk county should be proud of its schools and especially so of this one. This exhibit will be on display at the Polk County Fair at Dallas, Oregon, October 2, 4 and 5, but Miss Ewing cannot be in charge of it at this fair on account of her school work, which is to be much regretted.

However, it will be in charge of some competent person. Every one should take special notice of this exhibit at the coming fair.

THE NEWEST COATS.

Just now every one is interested in the chic and dainty coats fresh from the hands of the tailors, such as "The Style Craft," "La Vogue," "Sternberg," etc. Especially interesting, novel and swagger are the "Style Craft" coats carried by A. S. Campbell. The collar effect of one is a noticeable feature having three distinct closings. The mannish sleeves, broad roomy shoulders belted backs and patch pockets, so dear to the heart of girls especially, give them a distinction not obtainable in most of the coats. They are made in every material available including Boucle, Chinilla, Zebelon and Serges. The prices range from \$12.50 up to \$22.50 and one is simply carried away with the richness and elegance of tailored garments at such reasonable prices.

I feel just like shouting out, "She will! She will!"

Can she get exactly what she wants at home? Most assuredly she can. Mr. Finest, of the Bee Hive Store, has positively outdone himself this year and has a complete line of the very fur Mi Lady considers correct. Here one can find Coney, Fox, Wallaby, Marmot, Long Haired Coney, White Thibet, Mink, Lynx and just plain Fur. One strikingly handsome set of Empire scarf and large Empire muff is of genuine Red Fox in the natural color. The scarf is over 74 inches long and reaches below the knees. The muff is extra size, is elegantly lined with satin and is fitted with a satin pocket for chamois skin, powder, etc. The perfectly matched skins with shawl collar or center stripe, thick glossy hair and rich satin lining give it a distinction among thousands of the more expensive sets. This one retails at \$50, and to the fastidious who purchase quality rather than bargain it will appeal the most strongly.

Another, cheaper in price, but of the same beautiful natural skin is smaller in size and is finished with heads, genuine claws and tails. The \$25 on the little white tag surprises one at its reasonableness. Another handsome set is of genuine muskrat, the fur that is durable as well as good to look upon. The Colonial style set is cut in Russian shawl shape and is finished with silk rug and tassels. The skins in the large pillow muff are exquisitely matched and the whole set is richly lined with lustrous satin. One can purchase this set also for \$25.

Then there are dainty white Thibet sets for evening wear and boxes of other furs, as handsome and elegant as one could find at exclusive furriers in the city. One can purchase sets to fit every pocket book from \$7.50 up to \$50. Why should Mi Lady go furless this year?

T. J. Cherrington, Rev. Edgar W. Miles and George Skiff were among those who worshipped at the shrine of the Great Bull Moose at Portland Wednesday. Deponent doesn't say whether they were among the crowd in several of the city parks that waited in vain for the Colonel to speak to them.

Has Fine Celery.

W. P. Miller, the well-known farmer east of the city, brought to The Observer office Thursday morning some fine samples of his famous celery grown on his place. The stalks are nearly three feet in length, crisp and delicious. Mr. Miller has made a study of celery culture and his research has resulted in successful growing of the plant. He says that the raising of celery is very profitable and that \$400 and even \$1000 per acre can be realized by careful cultivation and expert methods.